

LOOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Shallow Pool,

Looe, Cornwall.

July 16th, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Looe Urban District Council

Gentlemen,

I now present to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1944.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area .

Area in acres	1,649 $\frac{1}{2}$
Population	4,011
Number of Inhabited Houses (1931 census)	1,147
Sum represented by a penny rate	£149. 11. 2.
Rateable value	£37,522

Extracts from ^{VITAL} Statistics

	Total	Female	Male
Live Births:-			
Legitimate	81	43	38
Illegitimate	4	2	2
Still Births:-			
Legitimate	2	1	1
(Live) Birth Rate per 1,000 population			21.11
Death Rate per 1,000 population			13.4.
Number of Women dying in consequence of childbirth or sepsis:-			1.
Deaths of infants (under 1 year of age)			2.
Deaths from Measles - all ages -			-
Deaths from Whooping Cough -			-

The Birth Rate has increased and is well above the average rate in England which is 17.6, and there is a very slight increase in the Death Rate.

Maternal Mortality. I have to report one death only under this heading, and in doing so would like to stress the importance of ante-natal care. Cases coming under the County schemes are obliged to be seen by a doctor for one ante-natal visit.

Number of Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified :-

	Total	Deaths
Smallpox	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-
Dysentery	-	-
Tuberculosis	5	2
Pneumonia	4	4
Puerperal Fever	-	-
" Pyrexia	4	-
Erysipelas	2	-

<u>Number of cases of Infectious Diseases Notified (Continued)</u>		
	Total	Deaths.
Ophthalmia neonatorum	4	-
Whooping Cough	52	-
Measles	45	-
Relapsing Fever	1	-

Once again no cases of diphtheria have been notified, a tribute to the value of immunisation, which is now becoming automatic.

Diphtheria Imoculations:		
Under five years:	125	Total
5 years and under 15.	24	149
Vaccinations: Primary	74	
Re-vaccinations	9	

Looe Infant Welfare Centre.

This Clinic continues its weekly meetings under the guidance of the Doctors and Nurses, and has proved of great advantage to temporary as well as permanent residents.

<u>Children</u>		<u>Total Attendances</u>
<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 5 years</u>	
400	487	887

Number of meetings:	42
Lectures	6
Doctor's attendances	11
Weighings	536
Vaccinations	17
Immunisations	121

Looe with Morval and St.Martins' Nursing Association

Details of visits made by District Nurses during the year.

General Nursing Visits	1,032
Maternity	171
Casual visits paid	81
Health	506
Ante-natal	73
Infant Welfare attendances	40
School Cleanliness inspections	35
School Nursing visits	26

Our two Nurses have carried out their duties most efficiently during the year, and under rather adverse conditions. It is to be deplored that, owing to the shortage of nurses generally, no arrangements can be made for a supply of relief nurses during holidays or sick leave. The nurse left in charge often has emergency calls from outlying districts as well, and the nurse on holiday does not benefit by this knowledge.

St.Johns Ambulance Brigade

The ambulance has been in constant use, and our thanks are due to the voluntary work of the Brigade as Drivers, Attendants and Nurses. One hopes that in the near future a better approach may be made to the Ambulance Station.

Social Conditions

The South East Cornwall Water Board continues to give the town an adequate and satisfactory supply under war conditions.

Although the refuse collection is not entirely satisfactory, this is inevitable owing to the shortage of man-power.

I am glad to report that in this fifth year of war, the health of the Town is remarkably good, due in part to the efficiency of the Food Control. The bake-houses are supplying the standard bread which is both nutritious and of anti-scorbutic value. The Milk supply is plentiful and excellent - deliveries being made in sealed sterile bottles.

The Housing question of necessity has been postponed, but will be the foremost problem for the Council to deal with in the near future. Several houses (with young children in them) would be condemned if alternative accommodation could be found. Shortage of Labour and materials will be inevitable when re-building starts, but much useful work in the way of plans and suitable building sites can be done now, so that when the work of re-housing people becomes a reality, Looe will be ready to carry out a vigorous programme.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) F. P. JOSCELYNE.

Medical Officer of Health.

